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The Glacier Explorer

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Glacier National Park

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Programs and Activities for August 22 - September 6, 2004

Join Us!

This guide lists a variety of ranger-led programs, from easy walks and evening talks, to all-day hikes and boat tours. Information for other programs and activities, including field classes and special Native American events, can also be found in this guide.

Junior Rangers

Families with children may take advantage of our Junior Ranger Program. Children between the ages of six and twelve can become a Junior Ranger. Pick up a copy of the Junior Ranger Newspaper at a visitor center. Inside you will find seven activities that will introduce you to the variety of habitats found in the park. Complete five of the activities and bring your completed form back to a visitor center to receive your Junior Ranger Badge, and become a Glacier National Park Junior Ranger.



Aster

Boat Cruise and Hike

Glacier Park Boat Co. offers narrated scenic boat cruises at Lake McDonald, Many Glacier, Rising Sun, and Two Medicine. In addition to the National Park Service-led hikes listed inside, Glacier Park Boat Co. naturalists lead guided walks at Two Medicine, Many Glacier, and Rising Sun.

Grinnell Lake Cruise and Hike

Meet at the Many Glacier Hotel Boat Dock for a relaxing cruise on Swiftcurrent and Josephine Lakes, followed by an optional, easy 2 mile, round-trip walk to spectacular Grinnell Lake.
Sundays, Mondays, Fridays, & Saturdays 2:00pm

Two Medicine Cruise and Hike

This 2 1/4 hour activity includes a scenic boat cruise on Two Medicine Lake and easy 1.8 mile round-trip hike to beautiful Twin Falls. Meet at the Two Medicine Boat Dock.
Daily 1:00pm & 3:00pm

St. Mary Lake Cruise and Hike

Meet at the Rising Sun Boat Dock for a cruise of St. Mary Lake and an optional 3 mile round-trip hike to St. Mary Falls.
Mondays & Fridays 9:00am

Proud Partners

Some of the park's interpretive programs and publications have been enhanced by a generous donation of photographic supplies from Kodak, one of the Proud Partners of America's National Parks.



Kodak



The DeSmet, on Lake McDonald



Gray Wolf

Glacier's Native Plant Nursery

Stop and smell the roses, or maybe some of the many species of plants you will find at the Native Plant Nursery in Glacier National Park.

Learn about propagation techniques and revegetation efforts currently underway in the park. Discover what species are native to Glacier, and what you can do to help restoration efforts while visiting.

For more information, please see page 2 of this guide, or stop by any visitor center to speak with a park ranger.

"Learning Gone Wild!"

The Glacier Institute provides innovative outdoor education programs within and around Glacier National Park. Field courses offered between August 22 to September 6, 2004 include:

Date	Course Name
22-24	Creativity and the Wild: An Art Retreat for Women
23-25	Two Medicine Lake Ecology by Sea Kayack

Glacier Learning & Lodging Adventure Programs include:

Many Glacier Hotel

Glacier's Grizzlies Fridays
Glacier's Geology Saturdays

Glacier Park Lodge

Native American Culture Fridays
Glacier's Grizzlies Saturdays

Lake McDonald Lodge

Predators & Prey Tuesdays
Glacier's Grizzlies Thursdays

For more information on times, locations, and prices of these courses, please contact:

**The Glacier Institute | P.O. Box 1887
Kalispell, MT 59903 | 406-755-1211
www.glacierinstitute.org**

Glacier Natural History Association

Glacier's Native American programs and free publications are made possible with the generous financial support of the Glacier Natural History Association. Bookstores in park visitor centers are operated by the Association.

This nonprofit organization works with the National Park Service to assist with educational and interpretive activities, cultural preservation, and special projects. A percentage of proceeds from book sales are donated to the park each year. Association bookstores are located at: Apgar, Logan Pass, and

St. Mary Visitor Centers, Polebridge, Two Medicine, Many Glacier, and Goat Haunt Ranger Stations, the Apgar Backcountry Permit Center, and the West Glacier Depot. For more information, please contact:

**Glacier Natural History Association
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West Glacier, MT 59936
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Lake McDonald

	SUN AUG 22	MON AUG 23	TUES AUG 24	WED AUG 25	THUR AUG 26	FRI AUG 27	SAT AUG 28	SUN AUG 29	MON AUG 30	TUES AUG 31	WED SEPT 1	THUR SEPT 2	FRI SEPT 3	SAT SEPT 4	SUN SEPT 5	MON SEPT 6
Ride and Stride Bus Tour & Hike	8:30am															
Nurturing Native Plants																
Fire in Glacier Walk	1:30pm		1:30pm		1:30pm		1:30pm	1:30pm		1:30pm		1:30pm		1:30pm		1:30pm
Sacred Dancing Cascades Walk		1:30pm		1:30pm		1:30pm			1:30pm		1:30pm		1:30pm		1:30pm	
Discovery Cabin	1:30pm to 3:00pm	1:30pm to 3:00pm	1:30pm to 3:00pm	1:30pm to 3:00pm	1:30pm to 3:00pm	1:30pm to 3:00pm	1:30pm to 3:00pm	1:30pm to 3:00pm	1:30pm to 3:00pm	1:30pm to 3:00pm	1:30pm to 3:00pm	1:30pm to 3:00pm	1:30pm to 3:00pm	1:30pm to 3:00pm	1:30pm to 3:00pm	1:30pm to 3:00pm
Lake McDonald Launch Tour	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm	3:30pm & 7:00pm
Apgar Campground Ranger Talk		8:00pm		8:00pm		8:00pm			8:00pm		8:00pm		8:00pm			8:00pm
Avalanche Campground Ranger Talk	8:00pm				8:00pm											
Fish Creek Campground Evening Program	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm		8:00pm		8:00pm	8:00pm	
Lake McDonald Lodge Evening Program	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm

Ride and Stride Bus Tour & Hike
Join us for this combination historic Red Bus ride and alpine hike. Discover the role historic transportation routes played in providing visitors access to the interior of the park, then hike one of the most famous park trails. Reservations are required along with a fee for the Red Bus ride. Call 406-892-2525 for reservations. Contact Apgar Visitor Center for hike details. Bring water, lunch/snacks and clothing for changing mountain weather.
Visitors with a fear of heights may experience difficulty on some sections of the trail. Inquire for details. Approximately 7 miles (11.2km) - 7 hours

Fire in Glacier Walk
Explore the Robert Fire of 2003 and discover the vital role wildland fire plays in the Crown of the Continent Ecosystem. Meet at the Fish Creek Campground Amphitheater parking lot (2nd right turn inside the Fish Creek Campground). **2 miles (3.2km) - 2 hours**

Sacred Dancing Cascades Walk
Amazing old growth forests of cedar and hemlock, tranquil Johns Lake, and the rushing waters of upper McDonald Creek highlight this moderately easy walk. Meet at the bridge on the Lake McDonald Ranger Station Road (first left 1.2 miles north of Lake McDonald Lodge). **2.5 miles (4km) - 2 ¼ hours**

Nurturing Native Plants
Join the staff of the Native Plant Nursery for this look at how plants are grown for use in revegetation projects in the park. Meet at the front steps of park headquarters. **1 ½ hours**

Discovery Cabin
Participate in educational and fun hands-on activities at our Discovery Cabin. Interpretive staff will be on duty to help with a variety of learning stations about bears, wolves, mountain lions, birds, geology and much more. Stop at the Apgar Visitor Center for directions to the cabin.

Lake McDonald Launch Tours
Cruise the waters of Lake McDonald and experience a segment of Glacier's history from a unique perspective aboard the historic *DeSmet*. Meet at the dock behind Lake McDonald Lodge. Arrive 15 minutes early to pay the fee charged for the boat trip. **1 hour**

Apgar Campground Ranger Talk
Join us at the Apgar Campground Amphitheater for an exploration of Glacier's natural and cultural history. Bring the family and your questions for an interesting look at this incredible place. **45 minutes**

Avalanche Campground Ranger Talk
Meet at the Avalanche Campground Amphitheater for a traditional ranger talk. We will explore some of the unique stories behind the scenery of this "jewel" called Glacier. **45 minutes**

Fish Creek Campground Evening Program
Sit back, relax and discover Glacier through these illustrated slide programs. Park Rangers will cover topics ranging from bears to birds, history to seasonal changes and more. Meet at the Fish Creek Campground Amphitheater. **45 minutes**

Lake McDonald Lodge Evening Program
Meet in the Lake McDonald Lodge Auditorium for this evening slide program on the wonders of Glacier National Park. All park visitors are welcome to attend these free programs. **45 minutes**



Pygmy owl, pileated woodpecker, mink, whitetail deer

Many Glacier																
	SUN AUG 22	MON AUG 23	TUES AUG 24	WED AUG 25	THUR AUG 26	FRI AUG 27	SAT AUG 28	SUN AUG 29	MON AUG 30	TUES AUG 31	WED SEPT 1	THUR SEPT 2	FRI SEPT 3	SAT SEPT 4	SUN SEPT 5	MON SEPT 6
Grinnell Glacier Boat Trip and Hike	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am	8:30am		8:30am
Grinnell Lake Boat Trip and Hike	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am
Iceberg Lake Hike	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am		9:00am					9:00am			
Red Rock Falls Hike														2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm
Historic Hotel Tour	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm	4:00pm
Outdoor Campground Program	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm				7:30pm			7:30pm			
Lucerne Room Evening Program	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm	8:00pm

Grinnell Glacier Boat Trip and Hike

View one of the largest glaciers in the park on this strenuous all-day hike. Meet at the Many Glacier Hotel Boat Dock. A fee is charged for the boat. High water conditions may limit access to the glacier. Advance reservations recommended. **8.5 miles (13km) - 8 hours**

Grinnell Lake Boat Trip and Hike

Meet at the Many Glacier Hotel boat dock for a cruise on Swiftcurrent and Josephine Lakes and an easy optional walk to Grinnell Lake. A fee is charged for the boat. Advance reservations recommended. **2.5 miles (4km) - 3½ hours**

Iceberg Lake Hike

This moderately strenuous hike climbs 1200’ as it passes through flowered meadows (with spectacular views of the Many Glacier Valley) and subalpine forests on the way to beautiful Iceberg Lake. Meet at the Swiftcurrent Motor Inn porch. **10 miles (16km) - 6½ hours**

Red Rock Falls Hike

Take advantage of a great opportunity to view the changing display of wildflowers and often-present wildlife. Meet at the Swifcurrent Motor Inn porch for this easy hike to Red Rock Falls. **3.5 miles (5.6km) - 3½ hours**

Historic Hotel Tour

Join an interpreter for a tour of the historic Many Glacier Hotel and learn about its grand history and current restoration. There will be ample time for comments and questions. Meet in the main lobby of the hotel. Some walking and stairs. - **1 hour**

Outdoor Campground Program

Join an interpreter at the Many Glacier Campground outdoor amphitheater for an exploration of Glacier’s varied and outstanding features. On Tuesday evenings enjoy a special presentation of the Native American Speaks program. **45 minutes**

Lucerne Room Evening Program

Sit back and enjoy a slide-illustrated tour of one of the facets of Glacier National Park. These 45-minute programs are presented by interpreters downstairs in the Lucerne Room of the Many Glacier Hotel. On Fridays a Heritage Interpreter from Waterton Lakes National Park will speak. All visitors are invited. **45 minutes**



Dawson Pass, Running Eagle Falls, wild rose, cinquefoil



Two Medicine																
	SUN AUG 22	MON AUG 23	TUES AUG 24	WED AUG 25	THUR AUG 26	FRI AUG 27	SAT AUG 28	SUN AUG 29	MON AUG 30	TUES AUG 31	WED SEPT 1	THUR SEPT 2	FRI SEPT 3	SAT SEPT 4	SUN SEPT 5	MON SEPT 6
Dawson Pass Hike				9:00am							9:00am					
Upper Two Medicine Lake	10:30am							10:30am							10:30am	
Scenic Point Hike		12:00pm							12:00pm							12:00pm
Rockwell Falls			12:00pm							12:00pm						
Cobalt Lake						12:00pm								12:00pm		
Weed Walk	4:30pm							4:30pm							4:30pm	
Campfire Program	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm		7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm				7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm

Dawson Pass Hike

This strenuous hike climbs 2450 feet through windswept alpine country to Dawson Pass. Meet at the Two Medicine Boat Dock. A fee is charged for the express boat cruise. **10.4 miles (16.6km) - 6 hours**

Upper Two Medicine Lake

Cruise scenic Two Medicine Lake and hike past Twin Falls to Upper Two Medicine Lake. Meet at the Two Medicine Boat Dock. A fee is charged for the cruise. **4.4 miles (7km) - 5 hours**

Scenic Point Hike

Glaciated valleys and spectacular vistas highlight this rugged, steadily climbing hike. The hike gains 2350 feet to an alpine tundra reward at the top. Meet at the Scenic Point trailhead. **6.2 miles (9.9km) - 5 hours**

Rockwell Falls

This moderately paced half-day hike passes Aster Falls, then gently ascends the valley beneath Sinopah Mountain to Rockwell Falls. Meet at the Two Medicine Campstore. **7.0 miles (11.2km) - 5 hours.**

Cobalt Lake

Hike along the forested slopes of Sinopah Mountain, then climb into sub-alpine country to Cobalt Lake. Highlights: swift creeks, brilliant flowers and Rockwell Falls. Meet at the Two Medicine Campstore. **11 miles (17.6 km) - 7 hours**

Weed Walk

Learn about the “Invasion of the Aliens” while you assist a ranger with hand pulling exotic plant species in the Two Medicine area. You will help nab knapweed and other aliens and keep Glacier NP in its beautiful native state. Bring a pair of gloves. Meet at the Ranger Station. **1 hour**

Campfire Program

Join an Interpretive Ranger for a traditional campfire program about the meanings of Glacier National Park. Native America Speaks program on Wednesday nights. **45 minutes**



St. Mary																
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Siyeh Pass Hike		8:30am		8:30am	8:30am	8:30am										
St. Mary Lake Boat Trip & Hike	9:00am & 2:00pm		9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm		9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm		9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm		9:00am & 2:00pm	9:00am & 2:00pm	
Mountains, Meadows, and the Magic Forest	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm
Sunset Cruise	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm	6:30pm
St. Mary Visitor Center Evening Program	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm
Rising Sun Campground Program	7:45pm	7:45pm	7:45pm	7:45pm	7:45pm	7:45pm	7:45pm	7:45pm	7:45pm	7:45pm	7:45pm	7:45pm	7:45pm			

Siyeh Pass Hike
Hike the highest trail in Glacier National Park. Highlights include wildflowers, views of Sexton Glacier, and high mountain vistas. Strenuous all day hike. Meet at Sunrift Gorge to arrange a car shuttle. **10.5 miles (16.8km) - 8 hours**

St. Mary Lake Boat Trip & Hike
Cruise among the towering peaks on St. Mary Laike and hike to two waterfalls. Highlights include scenery, waterfalls, and a glacially carved valley. Meet at the Rising Sun Boat Dock. Arrive early to pay fee for the boat cruise.
3 miles (5km) - 3½ hours

Mountains, Meadows, and the Magic Forest
You may not see a gnome, but you will experience sweeping mountain vistas, a dark and mysterious forest, and a picturesque pond. Meet at the 1913 Ranger Station.
3 miles (5km) - 2½ hours

Sunset Cruise
Enjoy the evening light on St. Mary Lake for this narrated boat cruise. Meet at the Rising Sun Boat Dock. Arrive early to pay fee for the boat cruise.
1 hour

St. Mary Visitor Center Evening Program
Join us at the Visitor Center for an exploration of Glacier’s natural and cultural history.
45 minutes

Rising Sun Campground Program
Join an Interpretive Ranger for a traditional campfire program about the meanings of Glacier National Park. Native America Speaks program on Thursday nights. **45 minutes**



Indian Paintbrush

Goat Haunt																
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International Peace Park Hike				10:00am			10:00am									
Evening Slide Program						8:30pm										

International Peace Park Hike
Join both U.S. National Park Service and Parks Canada staff on this exploration of the world’s first International Peace Park. Hike across the international boundary from Waterton to Goat Haunt and return via boat. Meet at the Bertha Trailhead in Waterton Townsite. There is a charge for the return boat trip and you should make reservations before starting the hike. Bring proper identification for the border crossing. Each hike is limited to 35 people, so you must pre-register at either the St Mary Visitor Center in Glacier (406-732-7750) or the Waterton Lakes Visitor Information Centre in Waterton (403-859-5133). Reservations are only accepted for the next scheduled hike (open on Wednesday for Saturday hikes; open on Saturday for Wednesday hikes). **8.7 miles (14km) - 7 hours.**

Evening Slide Program
A US National Park Service ranger will explore the remarkable plant diversity of Waterton-Glacier, the narrowest point of the Rocky Mountains. The program is offered on Friday evenings at 8:30 pm in the Falls Theatre in Waterton Townsite, located on Evergreen Ave. **45 minutes**



Moose

Special Programs



Chief Mountain

Native Reflections
Award-winning performing artist, and Blackfeet tribal member, Jack Gladstone presents a musical/visual narrative of the major cultural contributions of Indians to American culture. Traditional stories, animal legends, and personality portraits guide the audience to a better understanding of our truly American heritage.

Lake McDonald Lodge
August 31 8:30pm

St. Mary Visitor Center
August 26 & 28..... 7:30pm

Native America Speaks
Blackfeet, Salish, and Kootenai tribal members share their knowledge of the history and culture of Native America, through these 45-minute programs.

Many Glacier Campground
August 24 & 31 7:30pm

Two Medicine Campground
August 25 & Sept. 1 7:30pm

Rising Sun Campground
August 26 & Sept. 2 7:45pm

Apgar Campground
August 23 8:00pm

